

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**To: FY23 Applicants**  
**From: Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV)**  
**Re: FY23 Mandatory Member Service Year (MSY)**  
**Date: Effective September 22, 2022**

The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism is requiring FY23 applicants to establish a program with a minimum of 20 Member Service Year (MSY). Please note, one MSY is equivalent to a full-time AmeriCorps position (at least 1,700 service hours).

Due to compelling situations, the Maryland State Service Commission may grant approval for smaller programs. To request a waiver to the GOSV MSY minimum, please submit a narrative justification for the request that answers the following:

1. How many MSYs are you requesting, and in what slot configuration (i.e. how many full-time members, how many half-time, how many quarter-time, etc.).
2. What are your barriers to reaching the 10 MSY minimum?
3. What attempts have you made to reach the 10 MSY minimum?
4. What is your growth strategy (including a timeline) for scaling to 10 MSY?
5. Any other information related to your waiver request.

Thank you,  
GOSV Staff

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